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15 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
16 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

17 PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF
18 HARVARD COLLEGE,

19 Plaintiffs,

20 v.

21 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
22 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, et
23 al.,

24 Defendants.

Case No.: 1:25-cv-11048-ADB

[Assigned to the Honorable Judge
Burroughs]

DECLARATION OF STEFANIE FOX,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A
JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE

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I, Stefanie Fox, declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

1. I am Executive Director of A Jewish Voice for Peace (“JVP”), a U.S. based, grassroots membership organization mobilizing Jewish communities to fight for a just society in Palestine/Israel rooted in human rights rather than oppression, equality rather than supremacy, dignity rather than domination, democracy rather than dispossession. A society where every life is precious. I have been on staff with JVP for a total of 16 years. I have been Executive Director for the last 5 years.
2. I am Jewish, the descendent of Ashkenazi Jews who barely survived antisemitic pogroms and instilled in me that the core of being Jewish is a belief that every life is a whole universe made *b'tselem Elohim*, in the image of the divine. I do my work for justice in Palestine/Israel and raise my Jewish child understanding that the Jewish obligation to save lives, *pikuach nefesh*, supersedes all other Jewish laws.
3. With 720,000 members and supporters, JVP is one of the largest progressive Jewish organizations in the world.
4. JVP believes that our voices and actions are needed because the Zionist movement and the state of Israel purport to speak for and act on behalf of all Jews.
5. We work to build with allied U.S.-based movements for justice towards liberation in Palestine/Israel and everywhere.
6. We are committed to both Jewish communities and Palestinian communities, and to creating the future we all deserve.
7. Our work is inspired by the Jewish Warsaw Ghetto fighters, labor organizers, Civil Rights veterans and many more ancestors who worked tirelessly for liberation – of all people.

- 1 8. We commit to dismantling antisemitism in the most effective way possible: as
2 part of our struggle against all forms of oppression and bigotry.
- 3 9. We are committed to building an organizing home where Black, Indigenous,
4 Latinx, Asian, SWANA/Mizrahi, and Sephardi Jewish members feel welcome,
5 home, and whole, where white Jews feel supported to build their anti-racist praxis
6 and bring their full selves, where all of our work embodies the multiplicity of
7 Jewish histories, lineages, stories, and traditions, where each of us can name and
8 fight out of our own specific stakes in building Jewish futures beyond
9 nationalism and Zionism.
- 10 10. Some Jewish legacy institutions make supporting the Israeli government the
11 price of entry into our religion. They suggest that our millennia-old religion
12 requires adherence to Zionism: an ideology that has required in practice the
13 dispossession, occupation, oppression of Palestinians to create and maintain an
14 ethno-state where Jews have more rights than Palestinians on their own
15 indigenous land.
- 16 11. As Jews, we do not believe that to be Jewish you must support Zionism. We
17 welcome our communities into the life-affirming politics of anti-Zionism. Where
18 Zionism suggests Jews require a supremacist nation state to answer the real
19 question of Jewish safety, anti-Zionism means supporting justice for the
20 Palestinian people, including their right to live in freedom and equality, and to
21 return to their homes and land. Anti-Zionism also means believing that Jews, and
22 all people, belong and should be safe wherever they live.

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